

Interview Summary	Application No. 08/650,709	Applicant(s) Albin et al.
	Examiner Clark F. Dexter	Group Art Unit 3724

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Mr. Robert Pous (#29,099) (3) _____
 (2) Mr. Clark Dexter (4) _____

Date of Interview Nov 24, 1998

Type: Telephonic Personal (copy is given to applicant applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement was reached. was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: new claims 26 and 27

Identification of prior art discussed:

Heywood and Stream

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

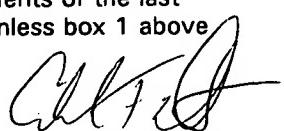
Mr. Pous submitted proposed new claims 26 and 27 (attached in file) to obviate the outstanding rejections under 35 USC 112 and to define over the prior art. Mr. Dexter stated that claim 26 is still deficient in that there is no structure claimed or shown to accomplish the function of providing an adjustable nip. Mr. Pous suggested changes to the drawings to schematically show such adjustment structure, and stated that such adjustment structure between two cooperating rollers is generally well known. Mr. Dexter agreed and stated that such a schematic showing along with an appropriate description added to the specification would be sufficient. Further, Mr. Dexter noted that Heywood has an adjustability via slot "a". Regarding claim 27, Mr. Dexter stated that the limitations, particularly with those directed to the conveying device, appear to define over Heyward since it appears that the conveyor of Heyward is driven by the rollers and thus would move at substantially the same speed.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.



CLARK F. DEXTER
PRIMARY EXAMINER
ART UNIT 3724

Examiner Note: You must sign and stamp this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.

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CLAIMS FOR INTERVIEW

26. A device for processing hydrous polymer gel of variable thickness, comprising:
a cutting roll having at least one axially extending cross cutting element including a
cutting edge, and a circumferentially extending longitudinal cutting element including another
cutting edge;

a back-up roll spaced from said cutting roll so as to form a nip, said back up roll having at
least one depression which can receive the cutting edge of the cutting roll, and being mounted
relative to said cutting roll such that at least one of said cutting edges cooperates with said back-
up roll to cut hydrous polymer gel and such that the nip is adjustable in accordance with the
thickness of the gel layer to be processed; and

a conveying device driven to convey a layer of hydrous polymer gel to the nip.

27. A device for processing hydrous polymer gel of variable thickness, comprising:
a cutting roll having at least one axially extending cross cutting element including a
cutting edge, and a circumferentially extending longitudinal cutting element including another
cutting edge;

a back-up roll spaced from said cutting roll so as to form a nip, said back up roll being
mounted relative to said cutting roll such that at least one of said cutting edges cooperates with
said back-up roll to cut hydrous polymer gel; and

a conveying device driven to convey a layer of hydrous polymer gel to the nip at a speed
less than the rotational speed of said cutting roll.